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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1725

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SN
SUBJECT: PTDP FOR M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER

REF: (A) SECDEF 7270 DTG 101647Z APR 78
(B) SECDEF 7114 DTG 011628Z NOV 77 (NOTAL)

1. WE BELIEVE THAT GOS WILL BE SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED
TO HEAR OF REF A DECISION THAT TRANSFER OF TECHNICAL DATA
FROM SINGAPORE TO THAILAND MUST NOW BE SUBMITTED TO
CONGRESS FOR 30 DAY PRIOR NOTIFICATION. WE SHARE THIS SURPRISE,
SINCE OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT JOINT PRODUCTION WITH
THAILAND HAD BEEN APPROVED IN NOVEMBER 1977 AS STATED IN REF
B.

2. IT HAS BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE INITIAL LOA REQUEST FOR WHAT
SINGAPORE AND THAILAND REGARD AS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
JOINT VENTURE IN MILITARY COOPERATION. REQUEST HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF U.S. AND SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT,
INCLUDING PERSONAL ASSURANCE BY PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRIME MINISTER LEE THAT PROJECT WOULD BE APPROVED.
IF WE NOW INFORM GOS THAT ADDITIONAL THIRTY-DAY DELAY IS NEC-
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ESSARY, THEY WILL WONDER (A) WHY THIS REQUIREMENT HAS NOT PRE-
VIOUSLY BEEN MENTIONED, AND (B) WHY, IF REQUIREMENT HAS EXISTED
ALL ALONG, USG HAS WAITED UNTIL NOW TO BEGIN NOTIFICATION
PROCESS.

3. WE ARE ALSO PUZZLED AS TO NEED FOR NOTIFICATION,
SINCE THIS TRANSACTION DOES NOT APPEAR TO MEET ANY

OF THE CRITERIA FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION DESCRIBED IN MATERIAL
WE HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT REVIEW OF THIS ISSUE,
INCLUDING HISTORY OF THE PROJECT, AND HARD LOOK AT QUESTION
OF WHETHER PRIOR NOTIFICATION IS ACTUALLY REQUIRED BY LEGIS-
LATION. IF REVIEW INDICATES THAT IT IS NECESSARY, PLEASE PROVIDE
RATIONAL AND CITATION SO THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN TO GOS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO PARE THREE REF A, GOS HAS INDICATED THAT IT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO A DAO RESPONSE TO PARA 3A AND 3B OF LETTER
FROM SINGAPORE MINDEF.
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